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THIRD-QUARTER 1949 PLAN SHOWS GOOD RESULTS

Industry

In specific industries the plan for the third quarter of 1949 was fulfilled as follows:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>3d Qu 49 in % of 3d Qu 48</u>
Power production	100	126
Extracting industry	111	146
General industry	105	139
Metallurgy	86	153
Machine-building	81	139
Metalworking	98	180
Power	101	247
Chemicals	114	161
Building materials	97	147
Ceramics	88	146
Glass	98	116
Rubber	97	150
Lumber	102	149
Book	128	181
Textile	103	145
Leather	116	92
Shoe	104	185
Fur	70	82
Food-processing	116	157
Tobacco	105	71
Printing	126	258

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According to organizations, the plan was met as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>
Ministry of Mining and Mineral Resources	110
Ministry of Electrification and Improvement	100
Ministry of Industry	104
Ministry of Fuel	101
Ministry of Transportation	98
Ministry of Domestic Trade	131
Ministry of Foreign Trade	104
Ministry of Construction and Roads	145
Ministry of Health	121
Committee of Science, Arts, and Culture	124
Central Cooperative Union	77
Sofia Peoples' Soviet	101

The production plan for the most important industrial goods was met as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>
Electric power	124
Hard coal	132
Copper and stannic zinc ores	121
Rock salt (boiled)	134
Iron for reinforced concrete and sheet iron	129
Machine tools	168
Agricultural machinery	180
Industrial machinery	204
Nails	171
Nuts, rivets, bolts	246
Power engines	205
Carbide	404
Soap	158
Glue	125
Cement	133
Lime	138
Bricks	246
Tiles and shingles	97
Ceramic pipes	113
Fireproof material	226
Oilcloth	195
Dielectric porcelain	197
Flat glass	117
Automobile tires	148
Rubber clogs and sandals	111
Galoshes and rubber boots	162
Beards	133
Rafters	219
Crossbeams	135

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	<u>Percent</u>
Plywood	143
Paper	101
Cotton fabrics	123
Hose	111
Woolen fabrics	123
Silk fabrics	135
Leather	103
Leather shoes	175
Vegetable oils	190
Sugar	121
Coke	110

The production increase in some goods over the corresponding period in 1948 was as follows: coal 513,000 tons, rock salt 1,400 tons, agricultural machinery 4,969 units, nails 1,007 tons, nuts, rivets, and bolts 473 tons, power engines 9,017 units, bricks 95 million, clogs and sandals 82,000 pairs, galoshes and boots 175,000 pairs, cotton fabrics 2,987,000 meters, hose 15,000 dozens, woolen fabrics 299,000 meters, silk fabrics 158,000 meters, leather 4,702,000 square decimeters, leather shoes 72,000 pairs, and sugar 2,500,000 kilograms.

Agriculture

Milk products output reached 103 percent of the plan in the third quarter of 1949, with an increase of 15 percent over the corresponding period of 1948. The milk supply reached 118 percent of the plan, an increase of 15 percent over the corresponding period of 1948.

Work organization was substantially better than last year. The resolutions passed at the June meeting of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party eliminated errors and shortcomings in farmworkers' cooperatives and improved organization and collaboration between cooperative and individual farmers. The number of farmworkers' cooperatives reached 1,597, with 161,171 members and 5,601,000 decares of cultivated area. During the third quarter alone, the number of members increased by 4,821, and the cultivated area by 189,382 decares. Cooperative cattle farms reached 1,486, while the plan called for 1,480; state farms numbered 91, while the plan provided for 75. The number of hogs on state farms increased by 3,195 head and poultry, 7,200. In the socialized sector, cows reached 26,000 head, as against 9,000 in December 1948. The number of state and cooperative livestock farms has increased by 35.

Mechanization has shown the following progress: there were 3,526 tractors throughout the country in the third quarter of 1948, and 4,650 in the corresponding quarter of 1949, tractor ploughs for the respective periods were 2,000 and 4,503, tractor cultivators 200 and 819, tractor disc harrows 219 and 430, and tractor drills 555 and 876. The clearance of stubble fields has increased from 200,000 to 862,000 decares. The work area of machine-tractor stations increased from 542,000 to 2,625,000 decares. The area worked per tractor during the 3-month period increased from 271 to 860 decares. Simultaneously, machine-tractor stations accomplished important fuel savings.

Transport and Communications

The transport plan for the third quarter of 1949 has shown the following results:

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	<u>3d Qu 49 (%)</u>	<u>3d Qu 48 (%)</u>
Transport		
Freight Transport		
Rail	122	129
Water	125	131
Automotive	118	118
Passenger Transport		
Rail	106	101
Water	93	99
Automotive	108	162
Ton/kilometers Covered		
Rail	124	134
Water	75	104
Automotive	131	138
Passenger/kilometers		
Rail	104	109
Water	102	105
Automotive	102	149
Communications		
Postal, telegraph, and telephone	104	123

Retail Merchandise Turnover

The retail merchandise turnover plan for the third quarter of 1949 was met 99 percent, representing an increase of 25 percent over the same period in 1948.

The state and public sector of retail trade represented 89 percent (against 73 in 1948), and private business 11 percent (against 27 in 1948).

Investments

The plan for investments in the third quarter of 1949 was fulfilled 95.5 percent, which constitutes 139.5 percent compared to the corresponding period in 1948.

During the period, 1,084 new projects were activated including two hydro-electric stations with a capacity of 510 kilowatts each; one small dam; two power lines, 614 kilometers long; 45 kilometers of railroad line; 29 kilometers of highway; five warehouses for grain and corn; and 48 apartment houses in workers' housing projects. New water systems were installed, as well as new streets and squares.

By departments, the investment plan was completed as follows: mining and mineral resources 105 percent, industry 95, fuel 97, electrification and improvement 110, agriculture 106, transport 96, postal, telegraph, and telephone communications 54, domestic trade 98, foreign trade 87, roads and construction 105, community and welfare projects 63, education 92, public health 81, social security 96, interior work 102, committee of science, arts, and culture 58, committee of physical culture and sport 113, the Central Cooperative Union 52, and the Sofia Peoples' Soviet 90 percent.

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Labor and Personnel

The total number of persons employed in industry, transport, and communications during the third quarter of 1949 increased by 36,000 in comparison to the corresponding period of 1948. Of this number, 42,000 went to industry, and 14,000 to transport. The wage fund was increased by 36.5 percent, of which 36 percent went to industry, and 44 to transport.

During 1949, 9,762 young specialists graduated from universities, colleges, and trade schools. Of these, 6,543 were engineers, technicians, agronomists, or experts in industry, construction, economics, and transportation and 3,219 were teachers, physicians, and other professional specialists.

Compared to 1948, the number of university graduates increased 50 percent; college graduates, 70 percent; and specialized secondary school graduates, 56 percent. This represents an increase of 118, 418, and 227 percent respectively over 1939.

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